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A. LIST OF INSTALLATIONS AND POINTS OF INTEREST:

1. See [] Sketch of the Central Section of Kalininskoye []

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Pt. 1. Field, flat, sandy terrain extending 10 km. along RR, Pt. 4, and 10 km. along road to Sosnovka, Pt. 54. Used as airfield by two single-engined monoplanes (Two Seater, "Kukuruzniki" - corn hoppers). Field had small wooden building 5 x 5 m. which had a wind-sock mounted on a pole beside it.

Pt. 2. Kara Balty Rivulet, dry most of the year. Only had water during snow thaws in surrounding mountains, at which time the Rivulet flowed north. Ten kilometers south of Kalininskoye stream was tapped by kolkhozes for irrigation purposes.

Pt. 3. Railroad Bridge; /See [] sketch of Bridge showing dimensions and construction details./

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Pt. 4. Railroad, single track (track width approx. two meters). Was called "Turksib Vos'maya Distantiya" (Turkestan-Siberia Eighth Section). Rails were of light load type (eight centimeter rails). Only steam engines "Shchuk", "Ovechka" and "Np Series" used this line. When trains were long or cargo was heavy two locomotives joined to pull the load. [] two-axle, 16-20 tn. boxcars; four-axle 50 tn. boxcars, coal hopper cars, refrigerator cars.

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[redacted] Line used semaphore system for signaling.

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[redacted] Line was under constant maintenance. Telegraph poles were 50 m. apart along the south side of railroad. /See Encl. 3 for appearance and description of these poles./ Goods brought into Kalininskoye on this RR were: construction material, coal, agricultural machinery, fuel and oil, automobiles. Main freight exported from city was sugar, glycerine, alcohol, cereals.

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- Pt. 5. Railroad bridge, /See Encl. 4 for description and construction details./
- Pt. 6. Railroad to Sosnovka. Constructed 1952-53 by MVD-guarded penal laborers. Tracks were laid down to Sosnovka [redacted]
- Pt. 7. Road, six meters wide, crown-type, gravel, under improvement. Used mainly by vehicles from vehicle base, Pt. 15.
- Pt. 8. Railroad Spur, same construction details as Pt. 4, served grain collection storage, Pt. 9.
- Pt. 9. Grain Collection Storage. Kolkhozes delivered grain norms there. All six buildings shown on Encl. #1 were constructed of wood, each was approx. 100 x 10 x 7 m.; roofs were sheet metal, gabled. One building had scales for weighing grain.
- Pt. 10. Hay Storage Area, 300 x 300 m., enclosed in barbed wire.
- Pt. 11. Verkhnyaya Pochtovaya Street, six meters wide, gravel; no sidewalks, no drainage. Street was constructed in 1953, led to workers settlement, Pt. 18, bore traffic of construction project vehicle base, Pt. 15. Street was flanked by seven by seven by five meter adobe-type thatched roof dwellings.
- Pt. 12. Dzhabula Street, constructed 1953. Same dimensions and details as Pt. 11.
- Pt. 13. Mikoyan Street, built 1953. Same dimensions and construction details as Pt. 11.
- Pt. 14. Storage of construction materials; mainly logs and lumber were stored here. The storage occupied approx. 500 m. perimeter area as shown on Encl. #1.
- Pt. 15. Construction Project vehicle base. Area 150-200 m. parked approx. 300 vehicles. [redacted] vehicles were property of project called "Pochtovyy Yashchik" ("post office box"). /See Pt. 4 above./ [redacted] Most truck drivers were locally recruited. Seventy per cent of trucks were dump trucks (samosvaly) [redacted] Vehicle base was already built in 1952 [redacted] Base was electrically illuminated. Trucks were refueled in area. Two buildings, located as shown on Encl. 1, were on premises. The larger building, 40 x 15 x 6 m., single story, brick, was an office. The smaller building was a wooden canteen, 15 x 10 x 5 m. where "Pochtovyy Yashchik" employees bought their rations.

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- Pt. 16. Lumber Yard, area 200 x 150 m., enclosed by board fence. Contained one office building, 50 x 15 x 5 m., white, stuccoed, tile roof.
- Pt. 17. Sugar Combine. Occupied area 1,200 x 1,000 m., surrounded by stone wall. Factory processed locally grown sugar beets, produced sugar, alcohol, and glycerine. Estimated labor force: 2,500. Large armed plant militia guarded premises; there was much stealing of sugar, spirits, and coal by local population.
- A. Scale house, 30 x 15 x 5 m., single story, stuccoed. Sugar beets were weighed there. Building had scales on both sides.
 - B. Sugar beet open storage area.
 - C. Scale house, same details as A.
 - D. RR scale house, 100 x 20 x 10 m., single story, brick stuccoed, curved sheet iron roof.
 - E. Railroad Spur.
 - F. Limestone Processing Plant: 100 x 100 x 5 m., stuccoed, sheet iron roof. Two 35 m. conical towers surmounted building. Coal stoves were charged by conveyor hoppers through top of towers as shown on [] sketch, Encl. #5.
 - G. Main Sugar Processing Plant, 200 x 100 x 20 m., brick and stone, curved sheet iron roof with monitor partition in center (glass panes along sides).
 - H. Glycerine and Spirits Plant, 150 x 120 x 20 m., stuccoed brick, monitor roof. Products were shipped by railroad [] in tank (cistern) cars.
 - I. Polyclinic. Four small, brick, stuccoed buildings, sheet iron roofs, each 30 x 20 x 7 m. Area surrounded by clay wall.
 - J. Gate. Entrance to plant area. Factory guards checked documents; permits were required to enter premises.
 - K. Administrative Building. 200 x 10 x 6 m., single story, stuccoed, sheet iron roof. Contained the plant management.
 - L. Sugar storage building, 200 x 25 x 15 m., stuccoed brick, curved sheet iron roof (corrugated).
 - M. Plant smithy, 50 x 15 x 7 m., single story, stuccoed brick, flat sheet iron roof.
 - N. Slag piles, coal and lime residue.
- Pt. 18. Sugar combine workers settlement. [] 400 single-story, 7 x 7 x 5 m., adobe-type, thatched-roof dwellings. Very few homes had electrical illumination.
- Pt. 19. Bazaarnaya Street, gravel, six meters, drainage ditches along sides. No illumination. Adobe-type homes seven by seven by five meters on east, open area on west.
- Pt. 20. Fire station, 40 x 8 x 5 m., single story, brick, sheet metal shed roof. Housed three hand-operated water pump fire engines. Forty firemen. Fires were usually reported by phone.

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- Pt. 21. Street (name unknown), same construction details as Pt. 19, flanked by sparsely built up area.
- Pt. 22. Street (name unknown), same construction details as Pt. 19, flanked by sparsely built up area.
- Pt. 23. Clubhouse and Technical School, 130 x 130 m., two-story, brick stuccoed, sheet metal gable roof. Building contained theatre, dance hall, library, and technical school (courses on food industry). [redacted] many MVD officers and enlisted men there. See Encl. 6 for description of shoulder boards worn by MVD personnel. MVD always arrived in automobiles. This was a rendezvous for town youth, particularly for women of loose morals. 25X1
- Pt. 24. Sports field called "Stadion", not enclosed.
- Pt. 25. Road to sports field, four meters wide, dirt.
- Pt. 26. Hospital, three buildings, each 40 x 20 x 8 m., brick, single story, gabled sheet metal roofs. Surrounded by two meter clay wall.
- Pt. 27. School, 50 x 50 x 12 m., two story, brick, gabled sheet metal roof.
- Pt. 28. Street (name unknown) same construction details as Pt. 19. Street was flanked by many barrack-type buildings, each 50 x 15 x 6 m., brick, tile gable roofs.
- Pt. 29. Frunzenskaya street, same details as Pt. 19. Dwellings only along north side of street. No sidewalks.
- Pt. 30. Pogranichnaya street, same details as Pt. 19. Flanked by seven by seven by five meter adobe dwellings. The sidewalks were 1.5 m. wide.
- Pt. 31. Pervomayskaya street, same details as Pt. 19. Flanked by seven by seven by five meter adobe dwellings. No sidewalks.
- Pt. 32. Tsentral'naya street, same details as Pt. 19. Flanked by seven by seven by five meter adobe dwellings. It had sidewalks 1.5 m. wide.
- Pt. 33. Street (name unknown), same details as Pt. 19. Flanked by seven by seven by five meter adobe dwellings. No sidewalks.
- Pt. 34. Kirghiz-Chinese adobe district, surrounded by three meter clay wall. Casbah-type slum area infested with thieves, gamblers, and black-marketeers. [redacted] anything could be traded or bought there including precious stones and narcotics (opium and "Anash" [redacted] a weed which was dried and smoked in a mixture of tobacco. 25X1
- [redacted] MVD raids were few and far between. anyone trying to evade the MVD could hide here indefinitely providing he had sufficient funds. 25X1
- Pt. 35. Regional Military Commissariat (Rayonnyy Voenenny Kommissariat) and Regional Sales Store (Rayonnyy magazin). Two adjoining buildings, over-all dimensions, 80-90 x 20 x 7 m., single story, stuccoed, sheet metal roof. The sales store sold consumer goods. The regional military commissariat took care of registration and drafting of troops. The commissariat was headed by

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an MVD Lt. Col. assisted by deputy Major BULLA [redacted] and seven or eight MVD officers. [redacted] 25X1

- Pt. 36. Kolkhoz market place. Agricultural products and consumer goods were bought and sold there.
- Pt. 37. Regional Executive Committee (RAYISPOLKOM) and Regional Committee of the Communist Party (RAYKOM). Offices occupied one brick building 70 x 60 x 15 m., sheet metal roof. Took care of matters relating to city administration and Communist Party activities. Although building was occupied and operative, construction was still incomplete (no windows) [redacted] 25X1
- Pt. 38. Sadovaya Street, five to six meters wide, no sidewalks, dirt, poor condition, no vehicular traffic.
- Pt. 39. MVD Militia Regional Detachment (Rayonnoye Otdeleniye militsii - MVD), single story, 70 x 20 x 8 m., brick stuccoed, sheet metal gable roof; contained regional MVD offices. Smaller building, 40 x 10 x 4 m., single story, log and stucco, was house of detention. Entire area was enclosed by a 2.5 m. clay wall.
- Pt. 40. Semafor'naya Street, same details as Pt. 38.
- Pt. 41. Stadionnaya Street, same details as Pt. 38.
- Pt. 42. Pushkina Street, same details as Pt. 38.
- Pt. 43. Leninskaya Street, same details as Pt. 38.
- Pt. 44. Vokzal'naya Street, same details as Pt. 38.
- Pt. 45. Pochtovaya Street, same details as Pt. 38. [redacted] 25X1
- Pt. 46. Church, 20-30 x 10 x 10 m., cupola dome, older town residents attended services regularly - youth rarely. During Easter and Christmas days most townspeople came.
- Pt. 47. Kuybyshevskaya Street, same details as Pt. 38.
- Pt. 48. Sovetskii Ugolok (Soviet corner) street, same details as Pt. 38.
- Pt. 49. Sovetskaya Street, same details as Pt. 38.
- Pt. 50. Irrigation ditch, three meters wide, dry most of year. RR bridge, Pt. 5, crossed ditch.
- Pt. 51. Street [redacted] same details as Pt. 38.
- Pt. 52. Street [redacted] same details as Pt. 38. 25X1
- Pt. 53. Sign Post. At intersection of roads, Pts. 54 and 32. Sign showed 58 km. to Frunze \angle N 42-54, E 74-367, 20 km. to Sosnovka.
- Pt. 54. Road to Sosnovka, 10 m. wide, rolled gravel. Drainage culverts along sides. There was heavy dump-truck traffic in May 1953.
- Pt. 55. Kara-Baltinskaya Street, same details as Pt. 38.
- Pt. 56. Area of petroleum tanks. [redacted] 25X1

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- Pt. 57. Machine-tractor station (MTC); area, 300 x 300 m., contained 30 combines, 50 tractors, some trucks. Had small repair shop and lathe section, surrounded by two-meter clay wall.
- Pt. 58. Governmental Sorting Fund. Seeds processed for spring planting.
- Pt. 59. Platform; wood building, 50 x 10 x 8 m., gabled sheet metal roof. RR freight transloading point.
- Pt. 60. Governmental Sorting Fund, same as Pt. 58.
- Pt. 61. Baggage Station, 25 x 10 x 5 m., single story, wood, sheet iron gable roof.
- Pt. 62. Kara Balty RR Station; single story, brick, 65 x 25 x 8 m., sheet metal gable roof. Contained administration, ticket offices (purchasable to all destinations when space was available). There were no document checks at the station. In April-May 1953, MVD brought daily from 50 to 100 penal laborers by truck to lay down two additional tracks at RR station (station had only five tracks prior to this).
- Pt. 63. Petroleum storage, 200 x 150 m. area contained approximately 15 cylindrical tanks (5 m. diameter, 10 m. high, iron) which stored benzine, kerosine, (negroine-benzine and oil mixture for tractors) and oil for vehicles. Base supplied fuel and lubricants for entire Kalininskoye Region.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 2. Population: [] present population of Kalininskoye at 50,000 - 70% Russians and Ukrainians, 30% Kirghiz (indigenous element), Uzbeks, Chinese, Karachayevtsy and Checheno-Ingushi. (During 1945-1946, MVD brought last two peoples in two RR trains of 50 cars each for resettlement in Kalininskoye area. [] 3,000 were brought in then. The Karachayevtsy people are mainly sheep herders and live outside of Kalininskoye in the mountains). 25X1
- 3. Street numbering system in Kalininskoye: Along streets running N-S, homes were numbered uneven on the east side of the street - even numbers along the west side. One kilometer of street usually had about 50 homes to a side. The majority of dwellings were adobe-type.
- 4. Climatic conditions: 270 days out of a year were generally very sunny and windless. Rainfall was rare after May. Winters were short - November to March. People often walked around in shirts in January.
- 5. Water Facilities: City had no underground water piping. Population drew water from 15 m. deep wells which were located on most town streets.
- 6. Troops in town: [] only MVD troops in town who confined themselves mostly to places of public entertainment such as the club-house at Pt. 23. 25X1
- 7. [] 25X1
- 8. Living Conditions: Inhabitants were keenly dissatisfied with living standards, would be "eternally grateful to anybody who would put water and electricity in their homes."

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Pt. C. Sosnovka, north-south town limits extended for 3 1/2 kilometers; there were approximately 800 adobe-type homes (three to four meters high). Street system had rectangular pattern. Town had three main streets running north-south as shown on Enclosure 8. [REDACTED]

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Pt. 10. Branch of Kara-Balty River

Pt. 11. Single Railroad to Sosnovka. Constructed by MVD guarded penal laborers in 1952-1953.

Pt. 12. Housing Area for MVD Personnel. Twenty dwellings, located about 1.5 km. south of railroad line, Point 1.

Pt. 13. Panfilovskoye; no information.

Pt. 14. Road, Frunze-Dzhambul.

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Enclosures:

1. [REDACTED] Sketch of the Central Section of Kalininskoye

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2. [REDACTED] Sketch of RR Bridge over Kara Balty River

3. [REDACTED] Sketch of Telegraph Poles Seen Along RR at Kalininskoye

4. [REDACTED] Sketch of RR Bridge Over Irrigation Ditch at Kalininskoye

5. Lime Slaking Kilns at Kalininskoye

6. Shoulder Boards Worn by MVD Personnel, Seen at Clubhouse, Pt. 23, Encl. 1, this Report.

7. [REDACTED] Dzhambul \angle N 42-55, E 71-23

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8. [REDACTED] Sketch Showing Approximate Site of Power Plant Near Sosnovka \angle N 42-40, E 73-50 (Pt. 9, Encl. 1, this Report).

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9. Anti-Semitism: Most of the town Jews were "speculators" (Spekul-yanty).

feeling against the Jews was strong during World War II.

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10. Law breaking: Local citizenry "robbed everything within reach" - pilfered goods at railroad yards (coal, lead, etc.) and sugar processing plant. Banditry was common, "Hooligan" gangs were numerous.

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I. LISTS OF INSTALLATIONS AND POINTS OF INTEREST:

See Enclosure No. 7, an overlay on [redacted], Dzhambul
 N 42-55, E 71-237, [redacted]

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Pt. 1. Single Railroad, "Turkistan-Siberia, Eighth Distance" (Turksib-vos'maya Distant'sia). See Encl. #1, Pt. 4, for detailed information on this railroad.

Pt. 2. Railroad Station Kaında; brick construction, 50 x 15 x 7 m., tile roof. Station had five to six railroad sidings along its south side; had the only locomotive watering facilities between Frunze
 N 52-54, E 74-367 and Lugovoye N 42-55, E 72-437.

Pt. 3. Kalininskoye (formerly Kara-Balty), N 42-50, E 73-527.

Pt. 4. Kara Balty Railroad Station. [redacted]

Station is actually located three kilometers west of this point.

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Pt. 5. Kalininskoye and Suburbs. Area outlined by broken lines on overlay is [redacted] built-up region. Town limits of Kalininskoye are not clearly definable, as indicated on map. The entire area is a diffused complex of dwellings which include the suburbs of Voznesenka to the west and Poltavskoye to the east.

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Pt. 6. Approximate Location of "KARL MARX" Kholkhoz, in Karlovka village. Agriculture and cattle-raising.

Pt. 7. Road to Sosnovka N 42-40, E 73-507, 8-10 m. wide, rolled gravel, much dump-truck traffic [redacted]

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Pt. 8. Sosnovka; See Point "C", Enclosure No. 8, for description of this village.

Pt. 9. Approximate Site of Power Plant on branch of Kara-Balty River. See Enclosure No. 8, [redacted] Sketch of Power Plant and environments:

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Pt. A. Branch of Kara-Balty River, flowed north.

Pt. B. Power Plant [redacted] single brick-stuccoed building, 20 x 10 x 8 m., gabled roof. Electricity generated by this plant "was just enough to supply village of Sosnovka", [redacted] Sosnovka had approximately 800 dwellings, average home used two light bulbs (50-75 watts). Voltage was 220. [redacted] power plant used only one-fifth of available water supply in that particular river branch. A 150 m. pen stock (trough type), 1.5 m. wide, 1 m. deep, fed water under power plant at a 30 degree gradient. Embankments were constructed of cement. [redacted]

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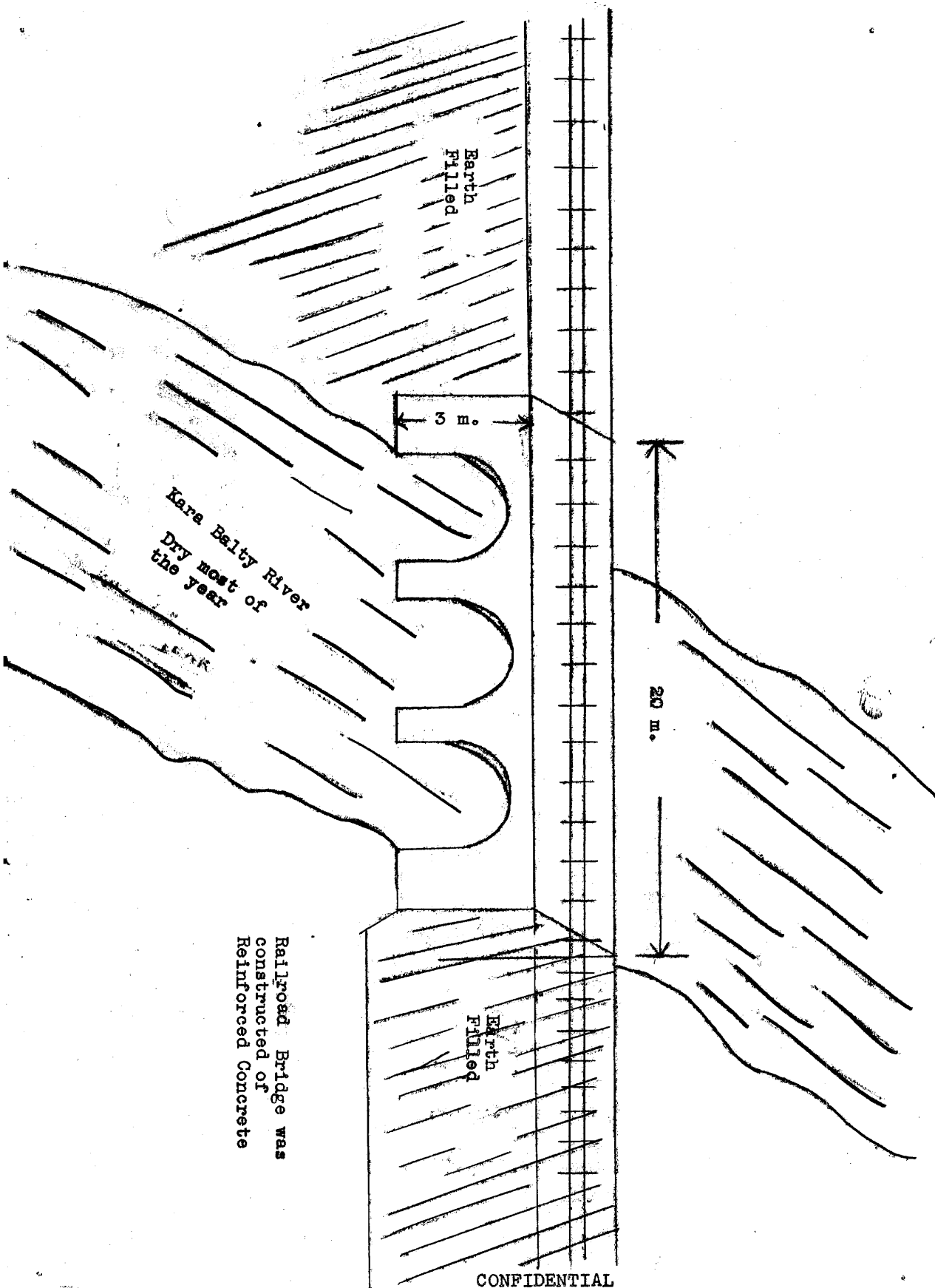
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Enclosure # 2: ☐ Sketch of RR Bridge Over Kara Balty River

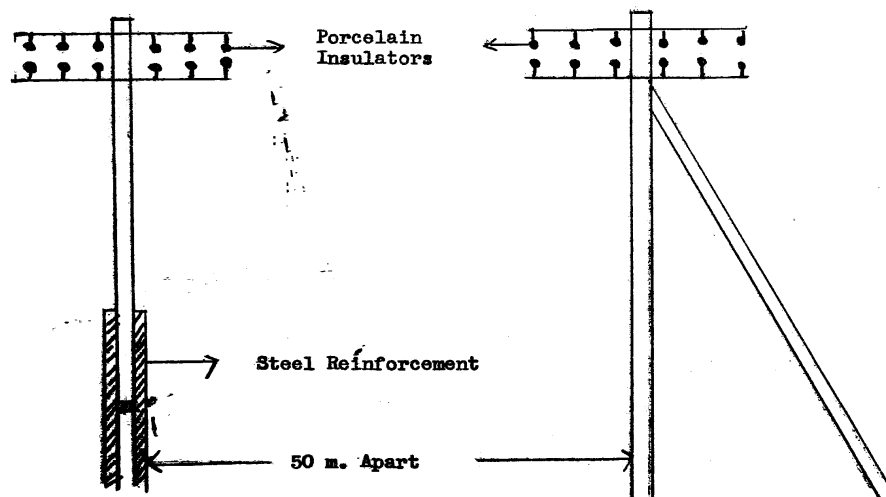
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Enclosure # 3: Sketch of Telegraph Poles Seen Along RR at Kalininskoye



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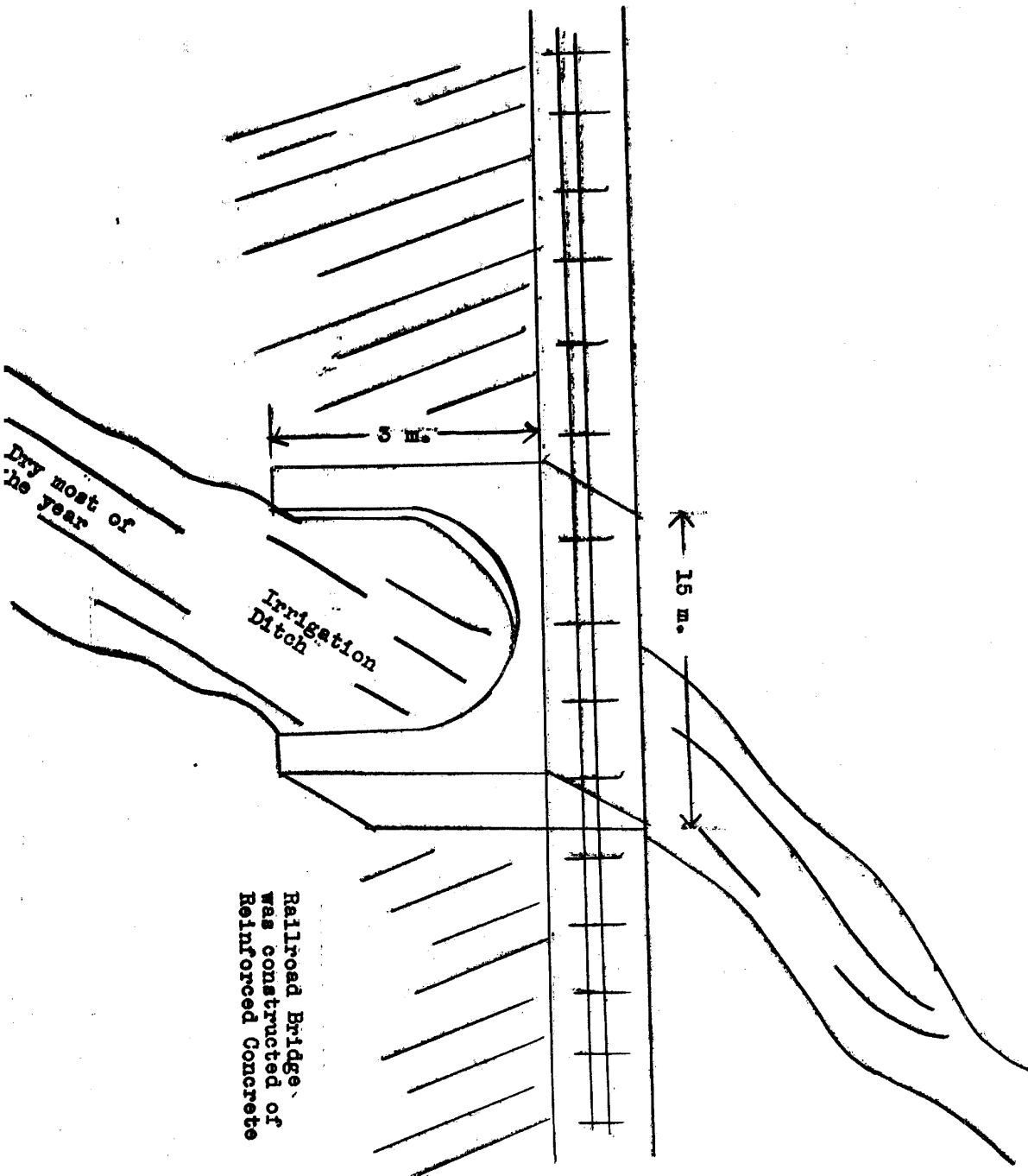
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Enclosure # 4: ☐ Sketch of RR Bridge Over Irrigation Ditch at Kalininskoye

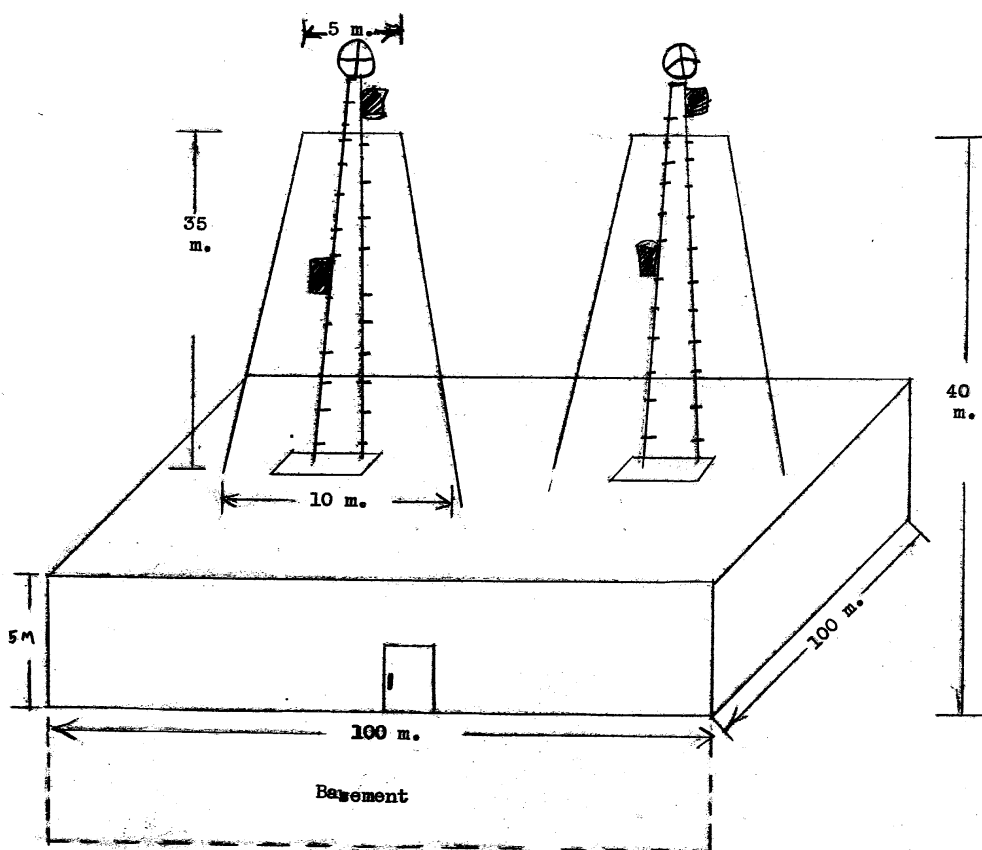
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Enclosure # 5: Lime Slaking Kilns at Kalininskoye



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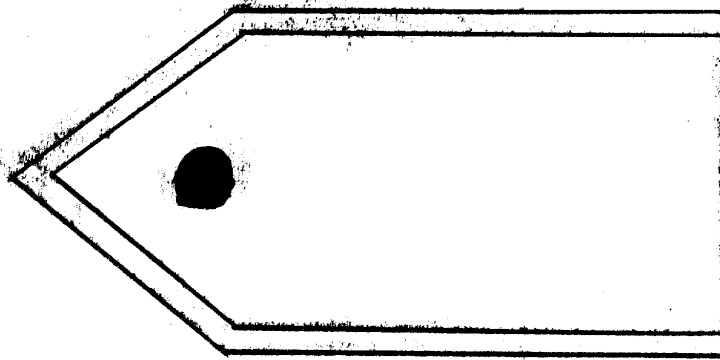
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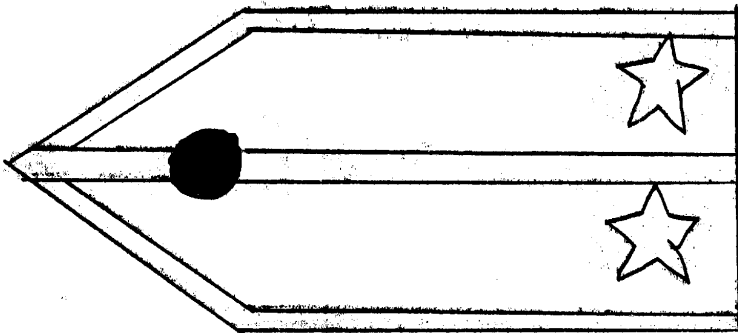
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Enclosure # 6: Shoulder Boards Worn by MVD Personnel Seen at Clubhouse, Pt. 23, Encl. #1, this Report.



MVD Enlisted Men's Shoulder Boards: Red background and blue piping.



MVD Officers' Shoulder Board: Gold weave background, blue longitudinal stripe, red (or blue) piping.

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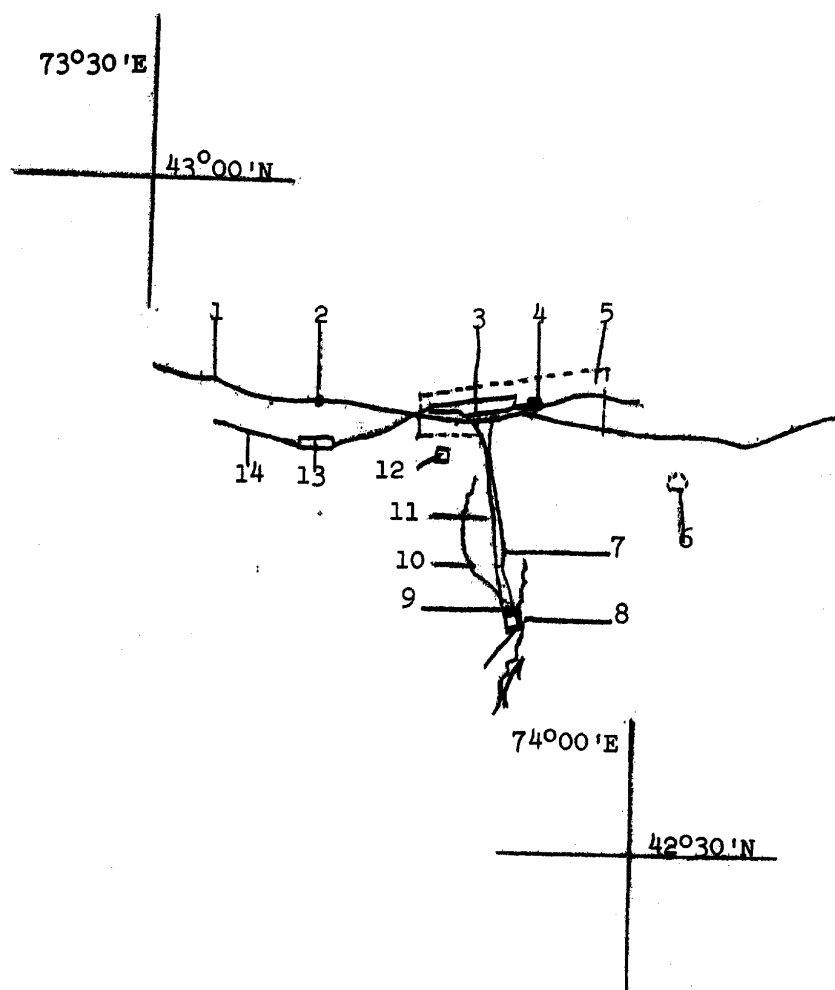
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Enclosure # 7:

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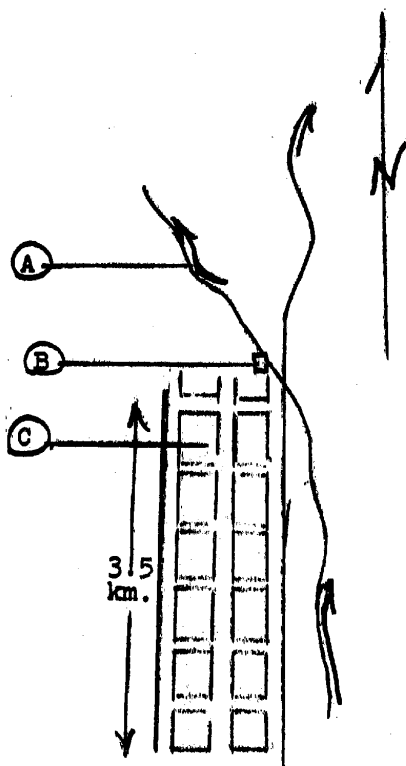
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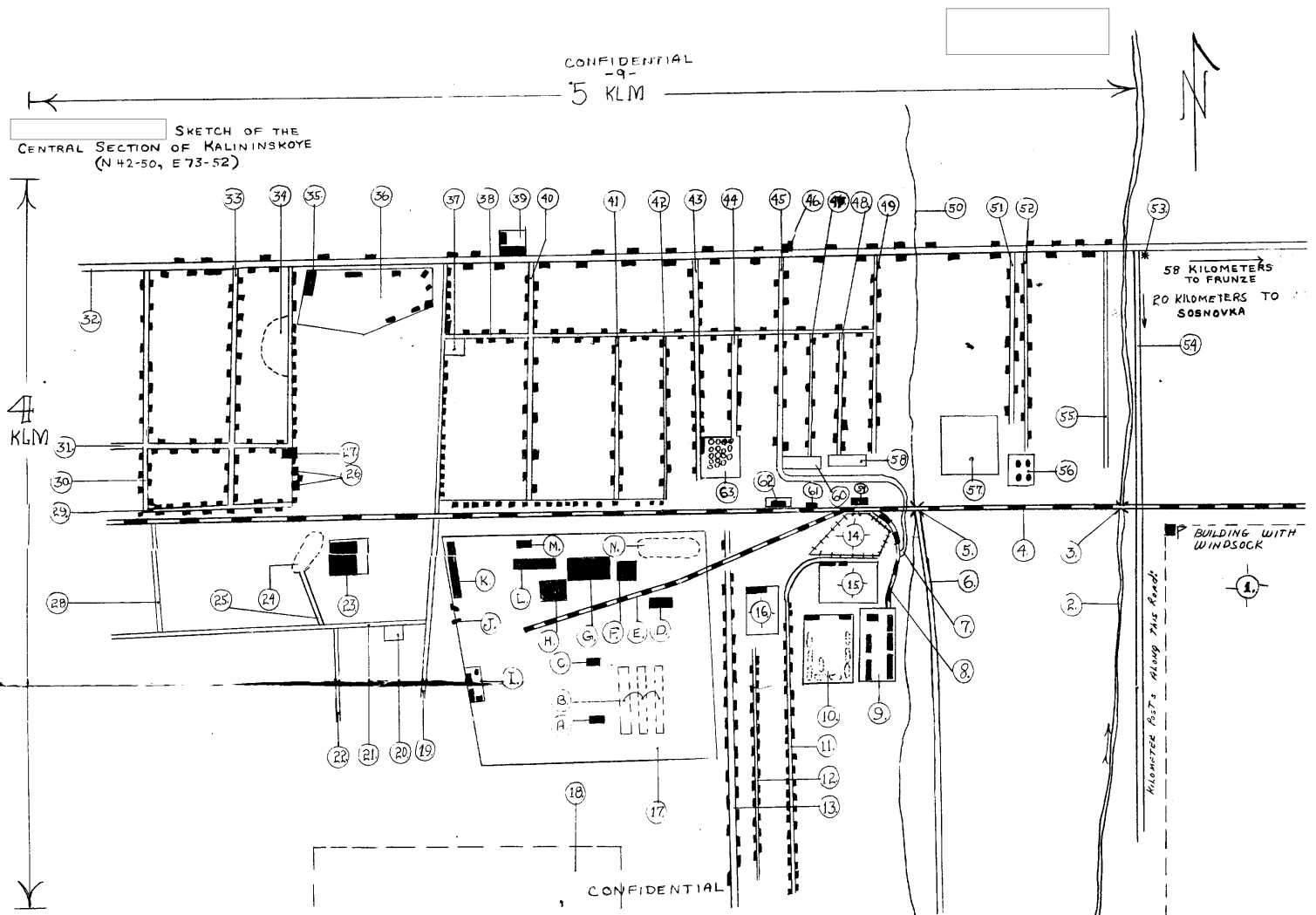
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Enclosure # 8: Sketch Showing Approximate Site of Power Plant near Sosnovka \angle N 42-40, E 73-50 (Point 9, Encl. # 7, this Report)

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